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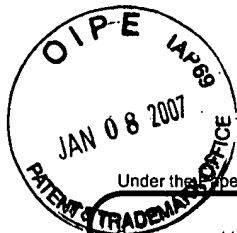
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
58	- 20 or HP = 0	x 50 =	0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
12	- 3 or HP = 3	x 600 =	600.00

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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**Request for Withdrawal of Final Rejection**

The Applicants respectfully submit that the Final Rejection contained in the Office Action dated October 31, 2006, is premature. The Final Rejection is believed to be premature because Applicants' Amendment and Response mailed on September 8, 2006 (hereinafter the "September Response") did not necessitate the new grounds for rejection for all of the previously pending claims, as provided below.

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